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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DULLES

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The attached Staff Study, submitted by Sherman Kent, grew out of a discussion in the IAC while you were away on the subject of IAC action on appendices to NIE's and similar papers. A year ago the IAC had agreed that it would not give formal concurrence to such appendices but would assume that they would be coordinated on the working level. Since that time the IAC has departed a few times from that policy. The present discussion arose from the appendices to NIE 90 (Soviet Bloc Capabilities through Mid-1955). In this case, it was agreed on 1 September that these appendices would be referred back to the IAC Representatives for review, with the objective of ultimate IAC approval. It was also agreed to reconsider the existing IAC policy on handling appendices. [Sept. 1952]

The Staff Study concludes that there is a need for such appendices, and that their value will be enhanced if they bear IAC approval. The Study recognizes however the burden this would impose if appendices were made the repositories of extensive additional material.

In forwarding this Staff Study, Sherman Kent recommends:

- a) rescinding the earlier IAC ban on its approval of appendices,
- b) issuing an instruction that the length of appendices be held to the barest minimum,
- c) IAC approval of appendices as integral parts of the paper to which they refer.

Sherman Kent also suggests that the attached Staff Study be released to the IAC prior to its consideration at a forthcoming IAC meeting. If you approve, this study will be circulated this week for consideration at the meeting of October 6.

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